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**From:** Chesnutt, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E1CD369E94474C2C8A876FB16943320A-JCHESNUT]  
**Sent:** 4/9/2021 6:05:35 PM  
**To:** Whitlock, Janet L [janet\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue  
**Attachments:** EPA\_R9 Senator Feinstein Response 032421.pdf; EPA Region 9 CBS News Responses March 2021.docx

Janet, Here's our Feinstein and CBS News (supposedly airing tomorrow) responses. As discussed, the multi-agency meeting has bumped up due to the Scripps congressional briefings and media events planned in a couple weeks.

John

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**From:** Whitlock, Janet L <janet\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:39 PM  
**To:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

ok, sounds good.

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Whitlock, Janet L <janet\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Great. Let's shoot for 10. I'll call you.

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**From:** Whitlock, Janet L <janet\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:** Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Hi John,

My morning is open. Shall we talk around 9 or 10?

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <[Chesnutt.John@epa.gov](mailto:Chesnutt.John@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:02 PM  
**To:** Whitlock, Janet L <[janet\\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov](mailto:janet_whitlock@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Janet,

Yes, we should chat soon. I'm available now or tomorrow morning. There is a multi-agency meeting being pulled together quickly for Tuesday afternoon at 1pm between senior/SES level directors at NOAA, EPA, and multiple state agencies. At this time, I don't think we would expect DOI and/or FWS to attend unless you really want to. We recognize you have not been involved in some recent discussions/developments, but it could be a good opportunity for DOI/FWS to hear what's going on if you are all interested. Hence, it may be good for you and I to connect as soon as possible so you can make a more informed decision.

John  
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**To:** Chesnutt, John <[Chesnutt.John@epa.gov](mailto:Chesnutt.John@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Hi John,

Would you like to set up a meeting time?

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**From:** Chesnutt, John <[Chesnutt.John@epa.gov](mailto:Chesnutt.John@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 7:52 AM  
**To:** Whitlock, Janet L <[janet\\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov](mailto:janet_whitlock@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Janet, sorry, I was unavailable yesterday afternoon and am out on leave most of today. So yes, let's connect next week.

Hopefully you can also see if any of the emails I guessed on were correct for Mr. Souza, assuming he is still your regional director. One of them already kicked back. If not, please forward the letter.

Thanks, John

On Mar 25, 2021, at 2:00 PM, Whitlock, Janet L <[janet\\_whitlock@ios.doi.gov](mailto:janet_whitlock@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi John,

Are you available to talk after about 3 today?

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

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Mr. Souza, Attached please find an EPA Region 9 response to Senator Feinstein related to the drum disposal issue off the Southern CA coast that I have been communicating with Janet Whitlock and NOAA about. NOAA received a similar letter. We are curious if you did as well. Our acting Regional Administrator copied you on our response.

As the letter states, we are working with NOAA and the State to have a multi-agency discussion on the issue in the April/May timeframe. We would like to know who from FWS and/or DOI could participate, such that we can coordinate with them. EPA will have our Superfund Division Director Enrique Manzanilla and a rep from our Water Division. The State will have a number of departments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Chesnutt, John  
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**Cc:** Herrera, Angeles <[Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov](mailto:Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: LA Times article re: PV Shelf and offshore barrel disposal

Janet, I wanted to share letters that both NOAA and EPA received from Senator Feinstein. We're curious if DOI has received a similar letter. In any case, we'd like to identify the appropriate person at DOI to work with as we produce our response. It would be good if the responses from the Feds to Senator Feinstein have some level of coordination.

You may also know that the LA Times is expected to produce an update on what's been done since its Oct article. NOAA tells me that Scripps is planning on starting its NOAA-funded sonar effort of the area this Thursday.

Hope all is well,

John